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(*c*) the area and owners thereof of paddy fields along the coast of Vembanad lake put into use for attracting and abetting fish in poramboke waters:

(*d*) the extent of loss sustained to paddy cultivators, registry holders of stake nets and owners of other implements and the fisheries in general by the above practice;

(*e*) whether they have received resolutions passed at the conference of the co-operative societies, Shertala, requesting Government to take immediate steps to prevent the owners of paddy fields along the coast of Vembanad lake in Shertala taluk from using their fields for attracting and catching fish in poramboke waters by continuously filling with salt water and draining, causing heavy damages and destruction to the adjoining fields and garden lands; and

(*f*) if so, what action they have taken to relieve the distress of the cultivators and discourage the practice ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) The area is approximately 18,000 acres. The names of the owners are not available.

(*d*) The information asked for is not available.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*e*).

Representations of Vala Community.

395. ❋**MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have ever received representations and deputations from associations and individuals of Vala community regarding the handicap to their industry by the action of the influential owners of paddy fields along the coast of Vembanad lake introducing and working a new method of attracting the fish in poramboke waters into their fields and catching wholesale; and

(*b*) if so, what action they have taken to relieve the distress of the fisherfolk ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Use of Lights for fishing purposes.

396. ❋**MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU:** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of families of Valas affected by the luring with brilliant lights fish in poramboke waters by the owners of paddy fields along the coast of the Vembanad lake from Thannirmukkam to Aroor ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: The information asked for is not available.

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